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**Governor Brown Requests Presidential Major Disaster Declaration,
Offers Additional South Napa Earthquake Recovery Assistance**

SACRAMENTO – Moving to help communities recover from the South Napa Earthquake, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today requested a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for the state and issued an Executive Order to help cut red tape and provide additional financial assistance.

“I request that you declare a major disaster for the State of California as a result of the South Napa Earthquake that affected Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties,” Governor Brown wrote in a letter sent to the White House today. “Economic impacts of this event will be extensive. The earthquake caused significant damage throughout the region.”

A Presidential Major Disaster Declaration triggers the release of Federal funds to help communities recover and the Executive Order provides additional financial assistance to local agencies and non-profit organizations and ensures residents can replace important documents and access key services without shouldering additional costs or other burdens.

Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency shortly after the 6.0 magnitude South Napa Earthquake on August 24, 2014.

The full text of the letter and Executive Order can be found [here](#).